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5	IN THE UNITED STATES	S DISTRICT COURT		
6	WESTERN DISTRICT OF WAS			
7	TIMOTHY DRIVER,	N. C15 05722 DDI		
8	Plaintiff,)	No. C15-05733-RBL		
9	vs.)	ANSWER AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR		
10	THURSTON COUNTY,	DAMAGES		
11	Defendant.)			
12	I. ANSWER			
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14	Plaintiff's Complaint, admits, denies and alleges as foll			
15		thout information or knowledge sufficient to		
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17	form a belief as to the truth of said paragraph, and, there			
18	2. Answering Paragraph 2, Defendant adm	its the same.		
19	3. Answering Paragraph 3, Defendant denie	es the same.		
20	4. Answering Paragraph 4, Defendant is wi	thout information or knowledge sufficient to		
21	form a belief as to the truth of said paragraph, and, there	efore, denies the same.		
22	5. Answering paragraph 5, Defendant admi	its only that "RCW 36.45.10" does not exist;		
23	should Plaintiff be referring to RCW 36.45.010, Defend	lant admits only that said RCW speaks for itself.		
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- 6. Answering Paragraph 6, Defendant denies the same.
- 7. Answering Paragraph 7, Defendant denies the same.
- 8. Answering Paragraph 8, Defendant admits the first sentence thereof. As to the remainder of any allegations contained in said Paragraph 8, Defendant is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of said remaining paragraph, and, therefore, denies the same.
- 9. Answering Paragraph 9, Defendant admits only that Lt. Price sent a letter addressed to the Plaintiff dated October 8, 2013 and that the letter speaks for itself.
- 10. Answering Paragraph 10, Defendant is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of said paragraph, and, therefore, neither admits nor denies the same.
- 11. Answering Paragraph 11, Defendant is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of said paragraph, and, therefore, denies the same.
- 12. Answering Paragraph 12, Defendant admits only that Plaintiff sent a letter to the Sheriff's Office dated October 12, 2013 and that the letter speaks for itself.
- 13. Answering Paragraph 13, Defendant admits only that Lt. Price sent a letter to the Plaintiff dated October 15, 2013 and that the letter speaks for itself.
- 14. Answering Paragraph 14, Defendant is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of said paragraph, and, therefore, denies the same.
- 15. Answering Paragraph 15, Defendant is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of said paragraph, and, therefore, denies the same.
- 16. Answering Paragraph 16, Defendant is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of said paragraph, and, therefore, denies the same.
 - 17. Answering Paragraph 17, Defendant denies the same.

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	18.	Answering Paragraph 18, Defendant denies that there was a letter dated December 3,
2013 r	eceived	by the Sheriff's Office. Defendant further states that it's Risk Management Office
inform	ed Plair	ntiff that the Sheriff did not receive said letter at the same time that it denied Plaintiff's
Claim	for Dan	nages. Plaintiff failed to resend the letter or even contact the Sheriff further.

- 19. Answering Paragraph 19, Defendant admits only that a Claim for Damages was received from the Plaintiff on April 27, 2013. As to any remaining allegations contained in said Paragraph 19, Defendant denies the same. Furthermore, Defendant specifically denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any award of damages whatsoever.
 - 20. Answering Paragraph 20, Defendant admits the same.
 - 21. Answering Paragraph 21, Defendant admits the same.
 - 22. Answering Paragraph 22, Defendant denies the same.
- 23. Answering Paragraph 23, Defendant admits only that Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Damages on October 1, 2015, with respect to any remaining allegations contained in said Paragraph 23, Defendant denies the same.
- 24. Answering Paragraph 24, Defendant admits only that the Sheriff denied Plaintiff's concealed weapons permit; with respect to any remaining allegations contained in said Paragraph 24, Defendant denies the same.
 - 25. Answering Paragraph 25, Defendant admits the same.
- 26. Answering Paragraph 26, Defendant is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of said paragraph, and, therefore, denies the same.
 - 27. Answering Paragraph 27, Defendant denies the same.
- 28. Answering Paragraph 28, Defendant admits only that the Federal Gun Control Act speaks for itself.

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- 59. Answering Paragraph 59, Defendant is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of said paragraph in the context of this case, and, therefore, denies the same.
 - 60. Answering Paragraph 60, Defendant denies the same.
- 61. Answering Paragraph 61, Defendant is without information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of said paragraph, and, therefore, denies the same.
- 62. Answering Paragraphs 62 through 71, Defendant denies that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief whatsoever.

II. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

By way of FURTHER ANSWER and AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES, Defendants allege:

- 1. The Plaintiff's Complaint does not state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. That all actions of the Defendant herein alleged as negligence, libel and unlawful conduct manifest a reasonable exercise of judgment and discretion by authorized public officials made in the exercise or governmental authority entrusted to them by law and are neither tortious nor actionable.
 - 3. The Defendant acted in good faith and is entitled to absolute and/or qualified immunity.
- 4. That Plaintiff's Complaint is frivolous and advanced without reasonable cause, and, therefore, pursuant to RCW 4.84.185, Defendants are entitled to recover attorney fees and costs in defending against this Complaint.
- 5. That if the Plaintiff suffered any damages, recovery therefor is barred by Plaintiff's failure to mitigate said damages.

III. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Defendant expressly reserves the right to amend this Answer, including the addition of affirmative defenses warranted by investigation and discovery, and to make such amendments either

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1	before or during trial, including asserting other defense theories or conforming the pleadings to the proof		
2	offered at the time of trial.		
3	IV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF		
4	WHEREFORE, Defendant prays as follows:		
5	That Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed with prejudice and Plaintiff take nothing thereby, that		
6	the Defendant be allowed its costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney fees herein, and that the Cour		
7	award Defendant such other relief as may be appropriate.		
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9	DATED this 26 th day of October, 2015.		
10	JON TUNHEIM PROSECUTING ATTORNEY		
11	/s/ John C. Skinder		
12	JOHN C. SKINDER, WSBA #26224		
13	Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Attorney for Defendants		
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15	Olympia, WA 98502		
16	Phone: 360-786-5574 Fax: 360-709-3006 SkindeJ@co.thurston.wa.us		
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19	I hereby certify that on date listed below, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which provides service to: N/A; and I mailed, via U.S. Mail postage prepaid, a copy of this document to:		
20	Pro Se Plaintiff Timothy Driver		
21	6426 Tralee Dr NW Olympia, WA 98502		
22	I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington and 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct. Olympia, Washington.		
23	Date: October 26, 2015		
24	Signature:/s/Linda Olsen		
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